

THE SPY WHO TOLD: WE GET WRAPS OFF

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The wraps have at last been taken off Lt. Col. Michal Goleniewski, the 41-year-old former high official of the Soviet Secret Police, who has been balked from telling Congress about Americans working for the Reds.

Col. Goleniewski defected to West Germany in 1961.

The N. Y. Journal-American learned today that the Polish-born agent will appear soon under heavy guard—maybe in the next few days—at a secret session of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

The breakthrough was made by U. S. Rep. Michael A. Feighan. It followed tense conferences this week with officials of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Rep. Feighan, Ohio Democrat, is the Congressman who discovered by accident the frustrations of the KGB defector in a CIA hideaway in Queens months ago.

Shocked by the story of American traitors which the ex-Red propounded, the Ohio legislator told friends he has been even more shocked by the clear design of his custodians to label Goleniewski as an unstable witness, thus seeking to scare away Senators and Congressmen from his testimony.

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Equally indignant are two Congressional aides who also interviewed the colonel and heard him name 19 KGB agents on U. S. Government payrolls or in sensitive scientific positions.

Despite his hard-won concession from the CIA, Rep. Feighan yesterday proved a reluctant hero. He would not comment on his sessions this week with CIA Director John A. McCone, or later ones with a McCone aide.

From Capitol Hill sources, however, it was learned that these negotiations broke the barrier and ended the standoff between the legislative and executive

branches of the Government. The latter controls CIA, the FBI and all military intelligence units.

"It's a great victory for Feighan and the Hill," said a friend of the Ohioan who also is a veteran observer of legislative battles.

"But it could not have been done without the pressure from those hammering news stories," he added.

After this newspaper had unearthed the facts about Col. Goleniewski from bits of information along



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ton to Queens, Rep. Feighan was asked to corroborate them. At first reluctant to do so, he devoted the best part of an hour, on the New York-Washington phone to an attempt to have the story withheld for security reasons.

ENDS OPPOSITION

He ended his opposition only after being convinced that its publication would be in the national interest and would help to spring the lock on Goleniewski's storehouse of information.

There is irony in the fact that it was a member of the House who broke down the wall around the Colonel—then turned the prize over to the Senate.

But it was the Internal Security Subcommittee of the senior chamber which had made the first unsuccessful attempt to hear him. Rep.

Feighan has told his associates he believes that the subcommittee is probably better qualified to evaluate Goleniewski's testimony and follow through on it than any other on the Hill.

BREAKING THE CASE

The proliferating bombshells of the Goleniewski case broke in this newspaper, starting on Monday, as follows:

- It was revealed Col. Goleniewski had told his Congressional visitors that the KGB had agents in the State Dept. and CIA . . . that \$1.2 million in CIA funds had been passed to the Reds through Vienna . . . that three American scientists with access to classified material were working for the Communists . . . that CIA had done little or nothing to run down his American leads.

Four American diplomats in Warsaw, a diplomat's wife and

10 Marines from the embassy guard were tabbed by Goleniewski as having been compromised by Red intelligence agents, using sex as bait. The Journal-American reported this Tuesday.

- Several committees of the Senate and House of Representatives became interested in the defector and started searching for him. The Journal-American's stories were picked up by newspapers all over the world. TV and radio net works broadcast them . . . These developments occurred on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Yesterday's Journal-American revealed that the colonel had turned over to his Congressional visitors the names of 19 Americans suspected of working for the KGB. Of these, 12 on his list were in State Dept., four in CIA and three were scientists.

- During the same period this newspaper was besieged by phone calls, some providing more information, others obviously on a fishing expedition to learn how deeply the newspaper intended to bore the background of Federal employees.

The stories obviously produced a shock wave of formidable proportions.

The same shock wave exerted pressure on the executive branch of the Federal Government. It undoubtedly aided Rep. Feighan in winning his memorable point from CIA.

The way is now open for Col. Goleniewski—whom the CIA once officially cited for rendering "truly significant" services at "great personal risk"—to tell all he knows unfettered by inhibitions.

If the CIA still does not want Col. Goleniewski to testify on the Hill, for whatever reasons, it must rue the day it asked Rep. Feighan, in a routine office procedure, to back a bill it submitted to give the defector American citizenship. The Ohioan is chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee.

"I'd like to see the live body," he remarked.

So it was on the trip to see the live body that Rep. Feighan and two aides heard the story which has rocked Federal equilibrium ever since. A subpoena was later served on Col. Goleniewski by a Congressional Committee—then mysteriously quashed.

Chances are the new one won't be.

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